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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 208

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

January 29, 2015

An act to amend Section 21656 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 208, as amended, Bigelow. Vehicles: highway: lane use.

Existing law requires, on a 2-lane highway where passing is unsafe due to specified reasons, a slow-moving vehicle behind which 5 or more vehicles are formed in a line to turn off the roadway at the nearest place designed as a turnout or wherever sufficient area of a safe turnout exists in order to permit the vehicles following it to proceed.

This bill would ~~make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.~~ *instead require, on a 2-lane highway where passing is unsafe due to specified reasons, any vehicle proceeding upon the highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time, behind which 5 or more vehicles are formed in line, to turn off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21656 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 21656. On a two-lane highway where passing is unsafe because
4 of traffic in the opposite direction or other conditions, ~~a~~
5 ~~slow-moving vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, any vehicle~~
6 *proceeding upon the highway at a speed less than the normal speed*
7 *of traffic moving in the same direction at that time*, behind which
8 five or more vehicles are formed in line, shall turn off the ~~highway~~
9 *roadway* at the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs
10 erected by the authority having jurisdiction over the highway, or
11 wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists, in order to permit
12 the vehicles following it to proceed. ~~As used in this section a~~
13 ~~slow-moving vehicle is one which is proceeding at a rate of speed~~
14 ~~less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and place.~~